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1. GOL HAS BEEN ADVISED OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS WE CONSIDER MOST LIKELY TARGETS OF THREAT REPORTED IN REFTELS. ARMY PATROLS ARE CHECKING AREAS OF THEIR RESIDENCES. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE GUARD AUGMENTED LAST NIGHT. DATT ALREADY HAS 24-HOUR POLICE GUARD AT HIS RESIDENCE. DCM, ARMA, AND CHIEF POLITICAL SECTION HAVE POLICE GUARD DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. SENIOR OFFICERS CONSIDERED VULNERABLE ARE BEING PROVIDED BODYGUARDS FROM OUR LIMITED RESOURCES OF TWO LOCAL HIRE BODYGUARDS AND RSOS. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT REALLY PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION AND LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES STRETCHED THIN BY REQUIREMENTS DUE TO PRESENT SITUATION. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OFFICIAL AMERICANS AND DEPENDENTS TO LIMIT MOVEMENT TO THAT WHICH IS ESSENTIAL, I.E., SCHOOL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICE, AND SHOPPING FOR NECESSITIES.

2. IN ADDITION TO THREATS REFTELS WE HAVE REPORTS THAT ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT INCREASING AND SITUATION COULD DETERIORATE RAPIDLY. THUS WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE TDY ASSIGNMENT TO BEIRUT OF THREE MARINE GUARDS WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED AS BODYGUARDS. FOR THEIR SERVICES TO BE EFFECTIVE TO MEET PRESENT THREAT THEY SHOULD ARRIVE TOMORROW IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY RECEIVED VERBAL APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO USE MARINES DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND CARRYING SIDEARMS AS BODYGUARDS. THEY WILL BE GUARANTEED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND FOREIGN OFFICE WILL AGREE IN WRITING TO THEIR USE. WE CAN ALSO OBTAIN GUN PERMITS FOR THEM.

3. WE HAVE PENDING REQUESTS FOR ONE .357 MAGNUM WITH GRIP ADAPTORS AND LEWIS CROSS DRAW HOLSTER FOR RECENTLY HIRED CONTRACT BODYGUARD AND ONE BROWNING 0 MM. AUTOMATIC FOR RSO. IF DEPARTMENT CAN ARRANGE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES WE WOULD ADDITIONALLY NEED .357 FOR EACH OF THEM AND SOME OTHER MORE FORMIDABLE WEAPON, PREFERABLY SAWED OFF SHOTGUN FOR EACH. WE HAVE SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION. FOR THESE WEAPONS TO BE OF USE THEY MUST ARRIVE BY FIRST AVAILABLE MEANS BUT NOT LATER THAN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. (THIS REQUEST IS FOR 4 .357 MAGNUMS, 1 BROWNING, 9 MM. AND 3 SAWED OFF SHOTGUNS.)

4. BEIRUT 8761 REQUESTED LOCKING DEVICES FOR RESIDENCES OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEES. STATE 152264 INDICATED THESE ITEMS BEING FUNDED AND PROCURED. WE RECEIVED TODAY 60 DEADBOLTS BUT NO OTHER ITEMS REQUESTED RECEIVED. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CHECKING ON OTHER ITEMS AND EXPEDITING SHIPMENT. RTC PERSONNEL WILL INSTALL ASAP DEADBOLTS PER PENDING EMPLOYEE REQUESTS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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